

(a) the number of Non-Banking Financial Companies which have got themselves registered with the Reserve Bank of India so far indicating the net worth of these companies, State-wise;

(b) whether the RBI verifies their trade record before registering these;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have received reports that many Non-Banking Financial Companies other than CRB Group Companies have also been defaulting in payment of money due to depositors;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against these; and

(f) the stringent norms fixed/proposed to the fixed for Non-Banking Financial Companies to protect the depositors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under the new system of Registration, so far 10 Non-Banking Financial Companies have been granted Certificate of Registration by them. The Net Owned Funds (NOF) of each of them and the State in which the Registered office of the Company is located are furnished below:

No. of Companies	State where located	Net Owned Funds (Rs. in Lacs)
2	NCT of Delhi	409.44 & 414.00
1	West Bengal	99.34
2	Maharashtra	2625.00 & 27.93
2	Tamil Nadu	124.39 & 50.09
1	Karnataka	47.40
1	Jammu & Kashmir	25.00
1	Andhra Pradesh	25.07

(b) and (c) In terms of Sub-Section 4 of Section 45-IA of RBI Act, 1934 for the purpose of considering the application for Registration, the Bank is required to satisfy by inspection of the books of the Non-Banking Financial Company or otherwise certain specified conditions. One of the conditions is that the affairs of the Non-Banking Financial Company are not being conducted in a manner detrimental

to the interest of the present or future depositors. Before giving a certificate of registration. RBI has to satisfy about the financial health of the company, quality of assets, track record of the promoters, directors and compliance with directions, guidelines etc.

(d) and (e) As per the Reserve Bank of India Amendment Act, 1997 the Company Law Board have been empowered to direct repayment of deposits accepted by non-banking financial companies in case of default in making repayment of principal amount and the interest thereon for which an application has to be made in the prescribed form No. 4 of Company Law Board Regulations 1991. RBI have issued prohibitory orders from accepting of fresh deposits in the case of 19 companies during the year 1997 so far.

(f) The Reserve Bank of India has taken a number of measures both regulatory and supervisory to protect the interest of depositors of NBFCs by strengthening the supervisory mechanism and by close monitoring of the returns. The recent amendments to the Reserve Bank of India Act provide for compulsory registration of NBFCs, maintenance of liquid assets, transfer of profits to reserve fund, power to issue directions of prudential norms etc. In the light of recent developments in the NBFC sector the Reserve Bank is contemplating to issue fresh set of directions.

Complaints Against Helliou Group and JVG Finance Group

522. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT :
SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be please to state :

(a) whether the Patna Office of RBI had made certain complaints against the Helliou Group and JVG Finance Group, Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints and action taken by Head Office, RBI;

(c) if no action has been taken the reasons therefore, and

(d) the details of other Financing groups similarly placed and the details of complaints received against these groups by RBI Head Office, Mumbai?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) According to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) no complaint has been made by their Patna Office in respect of the Helliou Group and JVG Finance Group. However, certain supervisory action including issue of prohibitory orders from accepting deposits from public had been taken against the financial companies, belonging to the two groups, based on the finding of Inspection of these companies.

(d) The following companies coming under the jurisdiction of Patna Office RBI were issued prohibitory orders in the past:

- (i) The Social Welfare Savings & Finance Ltd.
- (ii) Barl India Finance & Investment Ltd.
- (iii) Prolate Company Ltd.
- (iv) Manav Sandhan Vikash Finance & Investment Ltd.
- (v) Prestigious Finance & Investment Ltd.

RBI has further reported that on the basis of findings of inspection, the following companies, in addition to M/s. CRB Capital Markets Ltd., have also been prohibited from accepting deposits in the recent past:

- (i) M/s. Asia Pacific Investment Trust Ltd.
- (ii) M/s. Global Finance Corporation Ltd.
- (iii) M/s. Prudential Capital Markets Ltd.
- (iv) M/s. Western India Financial Services Ltd
- (v) M/s. Gadgil Western India Corporation Ltd.

According to RBI such prohibitions are also given wide publicity in the press to caution the general public from making further deposits with these companies.

Export of Marine Food

523. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :
SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH :
SHRI AJMEERA CHANDULAL :
SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name and the number of marine food units in the country which are exporting marine food to different countries, State-wise;

(b) the annual export turn over of these marine food units;

(c) whether the European Union has prohibited the import of marine food from India;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of marine firms affected due to imposition of prohibition; and

(f) the steps taken to rescue those marine food units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) There are 402 marine food units registered with marine Projects Export Development Authority (MPEDA) for exporting marine food from India. The number of units State-wise is given below—

State	Number of Units
Kerala	129
Tamil Nadu	047
Karnataka	014
Andhra Pradesh	050
Goa	006
Gujarat	053
Orissa	021
Maharashtra	048
West Bengal	034
Total	402

The names of the above said units are given in the statement enclosed.

(b) During the year 1996–97, the marine food units exported marine products as under—

Quantity Exported 378199 (MT)

Value Realised (Rs. Crore) 4121.36

Value Realised (US \$ Million) 1152.83

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. The European Commission *Vide* Decision Dated 1st August 1997 prohibited imports of fishery products originating in India based on the findings of deficiencies with regard to the infrastructure and hygiene in some of the fishery establishments, noticed by a team of veterinary experts of European Union (EU), which visited India in the month of June. In this decision of 1st August, 1997, the European Commission have also stated that there are not enough guarantees of the efficiency of the controls carried out by the Competent Authorities.

(e) The imposition of ban on the import of Indian fishery products has adversely affected 160 marine food units who were exporting to EU.

(f) The important steps taken by the Government for safeguarding the interests of marine food units exporting to EU are as under—

- (i) A fresh set of comprehensive additional guidelines and requirements were finalised which are to be complied with by all the units wishing to export marine products to EU and the same have been made available to the concerned units and also to the Export